

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 13 May 2022 until 23:59 on Saturday 14 May 2022

Forecast Issued on Thursday 12 May 2022 at 11:20 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence Friday through Sunday with unsettled start, then more settled into the weekend. Medium confidence for any rain on Monday and Tuesday.

Headline for Friday 13 May 2022: Mostly cloudy with rain at times. Strong to gale westerly or southwesterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 13 May 2022

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

High Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

Low Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Fog	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
60%	60%	70%	60%	50%	40%	40%	30%

Forecast for Friday 13 May 2022

Weather: Showery rain through the early hours becoming persistent and occasionally heavy in the north by morning. Morning rain, occasionally heavy across Lochaber and Nevis Ranges, will start to moderate through the morning but staying overcast with low cloud covering most tops above 500 m. Rain will turn more showery through the afternoon with the odd brighter spells possible as clouds start to lift and break a little. Windy with gales on exposed summits and ridges with a severe wind chill.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% through the early hours, decreasing 10% in the morning, improving 30% afternoon and evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Moderate or poor visibility in rain and very poor within low cloud, with bases down to 500 m through the early hours and 400 m through the morning, mainly in the north. Generally good visibility in the afternoon away from cloud and showery rain and cloud bases mainly lifting to 600 or 700 m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	36/47 SW	35/46 SW	39/52 SW	38/52 SW	39/53 SW	35/49 W	30/42 W	24/34 SW	21/30 SW
900	26/35 SW	27/38 SW	30/42 SW	30/43 SW	30/43 SW	28/41 W	24/36 W	20/30 W	17/25 SW
600	28/38 SW	31/41 SW	33/45 SW	32/44 SW	32/46 SW	29/42 W	25/36 W	20/29 SW	16/24 SW
300	15/25 SW	17/29 SW	19/32 SW	18/32 SW	19/31 SW	17/29 W	14/24 W	9/18 SW	9/17 SW
Glen	11/25 SW	13/28 SW	15/31 SW	16/33 SW	16/34 SW	15/31 W	13/27 W	9/20 SW	8/17 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-8	1/-6	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	2/-4
900	3/-3	4/-2	4/-2	5/-2	5/-2	5/-1	5/-1	4/-1	4/-0
600	5/-1	6/0	6/1	7/1	7/1	7/2	7/2	6/2	6/2
300	7/3	8/4	8/4	9/5	9/6	9/6	10/7	9/6	8/6
Glen	9/6	10/7	10/7	11/8	11/8	12/9	12/9	10/9	10/8
Freezing Level*	1400m	1400m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1500m	1400m	1500m	1500m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Risk of severe wind chill with warm clothing and waterproofs essential.

Forecast for Saturday 14 May 2022

Weather: A few showers continuing through the early hours but easing by morning. A dry and bright day with a fresh westerly or southwesterly breeze on the summits.

Maximum wind: Westerly or southwesterly 20-25 mph gusting 30-50 mph early hours and morning, easing later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% early hours, then greater than 90%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good visibility, locally very poor within clouds above 500 m through the early hours. Clouds then expected to be mainly above summit height through the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 Celsius rising to plus 14 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius rising to plus 7 Celsius.
Freezing level: Near or above summits.